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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS HELICOPTERS

1. BELL HELICOPTER REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETED PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF SEVEN (7) NCAP FUNDED HELICOPTERS. INSPECTION RESULTS INDICATE AIRCRAFT IN VERY POOR MAINTENANCE CONDITION. FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES ARE NOT BEING COMPLIED WITH AND RECORDS OF TIME-LIFE COMPONENTS ARE NOT RELIABLE. MAINTENANCE RECORD IS WELL KNOWN BY PILOTS AND USERS, RESULTING IN LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE AIRCRAFT.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSES, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF BELL TECH REP, RUDY HALL, AND ROBERT MORBERG, TO CONTRACT WITH HELIO-ORIENT FOR THREE-MAN TEAM CONSISTING OF AIRFRAME MECHANIC, LYCOMING ENGINE SPECIALIST, AND AVIONIC SPECIALIST. THESE PERSONNEL WOULD BE CONTRACTED TO PERFORM DETAILED INSPECTION OF ALL SEVEN AIRCRAFT AND MAKE DETAILED REPORT WHICH WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTED REQUIREMENTS TO BRING AIRCRAFT TO NORMAL AIRWORTHINESS PARTS REQUIRED, COMPLIANCE WITH FAA AND FACTORY

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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES, SERVICE BULLETINS, TECHNICAL BULLETINS AND SAFETY BULLETINS.

3. FOLLOWING INSPECTION SERVICES AND RECEIPT OF INSPECTION DATIONS ON HELICOPTERS FLEET SUPPORT PROGRAM.

4. EMBASSY ESTIMATES COST OF CONTRACT SERVICES WILL

NOT EXCEED US DOL. 15,000.

5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO ABOVE STATED
TYPE CONTRACT WITH HELIO-ORIENT ON SOLE SOURCE BASIS
SINCE HELIO-ORIENT IS ONLY AUTHORIZED BELL HELICOPTER
REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS REGION; AND ALLOTMENT OF NECESSARY
FUNDS.

6. FURTHER, REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO HOW CONTRACT SHOULD
BE HANDLED. WE SUGGEST USING PROAG AND PIO/C PROCEDURE,
HOWEVER, ASSUME 113 NOTIFICATION NECESSARY AND SHORTAGE
OF TIME BEFORE END FY MAY PRECLUDE SUCH PROCEDURE.

7. ADVISE. ABRAMOWITZ

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